IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Akihiro TASAKA et al.

Serial No. NEW

Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS, THEIR PRODUCTION AND USE (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/889,974, Filed July 24, 2001)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>Prior to calculating the filing fee</u>, please amend the above-identified application as follows: